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Dear Ms. Simmons:

Thank you for your fax dated November 14, 1994. The Nez Perce Department of Environmental Restoration and Waste Management considers the North Slope part of the Columbia River ecosystem and therefore considers its interests impacted by activities there. The Nez Perce ERWM Department would like to offer the following comments to Corps of Engineers revegetation plan.

- Adequate development of the North Slope revegetation plan requires the Corps of Engineers to take a proactive approach in considering the impacts on the habitat with all affected parties. Accordingly, proper natural resource restoration planning should include the Nez Perce Tribe throughout the decision making process.
- The Inter-Tribal Restoration Team & Native Plant Nursery, as a working example of an active restoration activity must be included in the revegetation strategy. The Inter-Tribal Restoration Team has undertaken tasks of: excavating the land to its original contour, collecting native plant seeds from shrub steppe habitat, and actively revegetating.

Thank you for providing us this opportunity to express our concerns.

Sincerely,

Donna L. Powauke
Manager

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